



Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2013

10:00 -11:30 am

Child & Family

1268 Eddy Street

Providence, RI 02903

AGENDA

Present:

Tina Spears
Maureen Maigret
Maria Fatima Barros
Jennifer Reid
Jennifer Bergeron
Jordan Kennedy
Deborah Burton
Holly Garvy
Donna McGowan
Catherine Taylor
Kathleen Heren
Dawn Wardyga
Ray Rusin

Ellen Mauro
Roberta Merkle
Deanna Casey
Bonnie Larson
Sally Hay
Ken Pariseau
Mike Menard
Thomas Marcello
Jim Nyberg
Rebecca Martish
Bonnie Sekeres
Cynthia Conant-Arp

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.
2. The April 10, 2013 meeting minutes were approved unanimously
3. Nursing Home Deficiencies Report
 - a. Ray Rusin, Department of Health – the office of Facilities Regulation conducted eight standard inspections and nine follow-ups. There were no substandard quality of care issues identified.
 - b. Two facilities finished their year of additional monitoring and one currently still receiving unannounced monitoring inspections.

4. “RI Health Matters” Overview: Senior health and aging indicators
 - a. Mike Souza, from the Hospital Association of RI, presented an overview of the tools available to track and measure the health of different communities across RI.
 - b. Mike projected the website for the group and navigated each tab and option available to assist anyone who is interested in learning more about RI health indicators, for example:
 - i. A Community dashboard of health and quality of life indicators;
 - ii. Disparities dashboard and demographic information;
 - iii. Examples of “promising practices”;
 - iv. A report assistant that will run reports based on indicated specifications by the user; and
 - v. National, local and other news stories and topic centers to learn more about events going on in the community.
 - c. The website can be accessed by going to www.rihealthcarematters.org.
 - d. Someone suggested that it would be helpful to add caregivers as a topic center to learn more about the health of caregivers in RI, promising practices in the care and support of caregivers and to provide information to caregivers about how to balance the demands on their time with their own health needs.
5. Update from the LTCCC Legislative Committee
 - a. Lindsay McAllister provided an update on the Lt. Governor’s bills, including the Emergency back-up generators bill, S 650 and the Patient Access to Medical Records bill, S 649.
 - b. Maureen Maigret and Tina Spears both spoke in favor of the Temporary Caregiver Insurance bill, S 231, highlighting its significance for families with children with special needs, aging members of the family and others I need of caregiving. There will be an advocacy day for the bill coming up. You can go to <http://www.wecareri.org/> for more information.
6. Public Comment

- a. Sally Hay, a representative of SAGE RI, mentioned that there would be a Health Fair focusing on LGBT health and aging on May 29th from 1-6pm and there was a handout provided on the table at the back of the room.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

**Please note that in March, April, May and June the LTCCC will be meeting at the Gathering Space on the lower level of Child & Family (formerly Casey Family Services) at 1268 Eddy St., Providence, RI.*